

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 -0071**

**APPROVING PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GRANTS FOR THE
AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM (AWQGP) ADMINISTERED
THROUGH THE 2005-06 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. In March 2002, the voters approved the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40). Approximately \$175 million from Proposition 40 was appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to administer through eight different programs, including the AWQGP (\$8.9 million);
2. In November 2002, the voters approved the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). Approximately \$100 million from Proposition 50, Chapter 5, Section 79540(a) was appropriated to the State Water Board to administer through four different programs, including the AWQGP (\$29.5 million);
3. The State Water Board conducted an initial solicitation and awarded AWQGP funds in 2005. The State Water Board did not award all of the available funds to projects;
4. The State Water Board adopted the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program Guidelines (Guidelines) establishing the evaluation criteria and the review and selection process for the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program's two-step process and identifying partner agency priorities. The 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program includes the remaining AWQGP funds;
5. The State Water Board released the Concept Proposal Solicitation Notice in January 2006, soliciting project proposals for six interrelated grant programs from Proposition 40, Proposition 50, and federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h);
6. The State Water Board released the Full Proposal Solicitation Notice in April 2006, soliciting Full Proposals from the most competitive Concept Proposal applicants;
7. Consistent with the Guidelines, the Full Proposals were reviewed for technical merit by technical review teams consisting of staff from the State Water Board, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Resources Agency, Department of Food and Agriculture, and other partner agencies. The projects recommended for funding represent the most competitive proposals;
8. Consistent with the Guidelines, projects requesting alternate reporting requirements (ARR) were evaluated to determine whether ARR were appropriate. Projects recommended for ARR, as outlined in the Guidelines, are designated on the funding list;
9. The Recommended Funding List for the Proposition 40 and Proposition 50 AWQGP was prepared by State Water Board staff, with input from the technical review teams, and forwarded to the Selection Panel for review and recommendation in accordance with the process outlined in the Guidelines;
10. The Selection Panel recommends funding the projects presented on the Recommended Funding List, which were determined to best address the priorities identified in the Guidelines, and result in projects related to improving agricultural water quality; and
11. The Guidelines allow withdrawal of the grant awards to non-responsive applicants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STATE WATER BOARD

1. Approves the funding for projects on the Recommended Funding List from the AWQGP;
2. Authorizes the issuance of grants and amendments to implement the projects; and
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director (formerly known as Chief) of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to withdraw grant awards if applicants are non-responsive.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 11, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Charles R. Hoppin
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.

NO: None

ABSENT: Gerald D. Secundy

ABSTAIN: None



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Exhibit 1
2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program:
Propositions 40 and 50 Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program (AWQGP) Projects *
Recommended Funding List

PIN	PROPOSAL TITLE	REGION	FUNDING AMOUNT	TOTAL
9012	Implementation Projects on Livestock Facilities to Reduce Nutrient, Sediment & Pathogen Pollution	3	\$999,900	\$999,900
9314	Rutherford - Napa River Restoration Project	2	\$1,000,000	\$1,999,900
9300	An Integrated, Regional Dairy Management Plan with BMP Implementation in the San Jacinto Watershed	8	\$739,069	\$2,738,969
9531	Strategy for Resolving MeHg and Low Dissolved Oxygen events in northern Suisun Marsh	2	\$795,000	\$3,533,969
8978	Permit Coordination & Agricultural Water Quality Implementation Program in the Pajaro Watershed	3	\$999,660	\$4,533,629
8939**	Demonstrating Compatibility of Water Quality & Food Safety, through Research and Implementation	3	\$1,000,000	\$5,533,629
9374	Salton Sea Ecosystem Monitoring	7	\$810,000	\$6,343,629
9492	TMDL Agricultural Operator Voluntary Program for the San Jacinto Watershed	8	\$273,000	\$6,616,629
9234	Implementation of Water Quality BMPs for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Rice Production	5	\$999,981	\$7,616,610
9161	Reducing unexplained toxicity to protect sediment quality associated with irrigated agriculture	5	\$532,000	\$8,148,610
8925	Fish Friendly Farming Program Agricultural Clean Water Implementation	1 & 2	\$750,000	\$8,898,610
9399	Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Wetland and Riparian Restoration	4	\$605,456	\$9,504,066
9176	BMPs for reducing sediment and pesticides in runoff from Colusa County almond orchards	5	\$1,000,000	\$10,504,066
8853	Westside Regional Drainage Plan - Distribution Facilities Improvements Component	5	\$1,000,000	\$11,504,066
9308	Nutrient Reduction & Monitoring in Santa Margarita Watershed	9	\$600,000	\$12,104,066
9395	Methylmercury cycling and export from agricultural and natural wetlands in the Yolo Bypass	5	\$999,881	\$13,103,947
8986	Shasta River Tailwater Reduction: Demonstration and Implementation Project	1	\$735,490	\$13,839,437
8850	Selby Creek Stream Habitat Restoration and Riparian Revegetation Project	2	\$475,000	\$14,314,437
8952	Implementing IPM/BMPs to Reduce OP and Pyrethroid Runoff in Agricultural Land, San Joaquin Watershed	5	\$744,175	\$15,058,612
9445	Orange County Nurseries Water Quality Improvement Project	8	\$372,000	\$15,430,612
9243**	Research and Implementation of BMPs to Protect Water Quality from Central Coast Vineyards	3	\$680,000	\$16,110,612
9123	WURD Water Quality Improvement Projects for the Central Valley	5	\$999,997	\$17,110,609
9435	Transport Processes of Pyrethroid Insecticides in Streams and Rivers of the San Joaquin Basin	5	\$400,000	\$17,510,609

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* Applicants must address technical reviewer comments during the development of their grant agreement.

** Alternate Reporting Requirements approved.

PINs NOT recommended for funding do not appear on this list.

For PIN 8853, if the applicant accepts the AWQGP grant funds, the applicant cannot receive more than an additional \$4 million from the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program.